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BAN SATTAHIP COMPLEX
THAILAND
1239N 10053E

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD SHOWS THE LATEST AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE BAN SATTAHIP COMPLEX WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER A LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

2. REMARKS:

KRUNG THEP (BANGKOK) FORMERLY HAD THE ONLY MAJOR PORT AND NAVAL BASE IN THAILAND. BAN SATTAHIP WAS TO BE ENLARGED AND IMPROVED TO BE USED AS A REPLACEMENT BASE FOR SOME OF THE NAVAL FACILITIES LOCATED AT KRUNG THEP. THE RECONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION OF THE BAN SATTAHIP FACILITIES STARTED PRIOR TO 1958, WITH SUPERVISION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES THROUGH THE MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

3. LOCATION:

BAN SATTAHIP IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF AO SATTAHIP (BAY), APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF KRUNG THEP, ON THE GULF OF SIAM.

4. COLLATERAL:

BAN SATTAHIP IS THE LOCATION OF THE ROYAL THAI NAVAL FLEET HEADQUARTERS AND NAVAL BASE [REDACTED] A MARINE CORPS BASE,

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SEAPLANE BASE, MISCELLANEOUS LOGISTIC SUPPLY DEPOTS, AND NAVAL TRAINING CENTERS.

THE THAI NAVY IS A SMALL COASTAL DEFENSE FORCE CONSISTING OF 14,000 NAVAL PERSONNEL AND 7,200 MARINES. A NAVAL AIR ARM WAS REACTIVATED IN 1963 ON A VERY LIMITED BASIS AND AT THE END OF 1964 HAD 63 PERSONNEL.

THAI NAVAL CRAFT, PREDOMINATELY OF WORLD WAR II VINTAGE AND OLDER WERE OBTAINED FROM A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. THIS OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT HAS CREATED REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS WHICH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A LIMITED BUDGET AND INADEQUATELY TRAINED PERSONNEL, HAS SERIOUSLY HAMPERED THE CAPABILITIES OF THE THAI NAVY. SOME IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN NOTED IN RECENT YEARS IN THE OVERALL CAPABILITY OF PERSONNEL TO HANDLE ASW AND MINE WARFARE PROBLEMS, ALTHOUGH THEIR VALUE MAY STILL BE CONSIDERED MARGINAL.

TRAINING FACILITIES IN THE BAN SATTAHIP AREA INCLUDE THE RECRUIT TRAINING CENTER AND THE NAVAL RATING SCHOOL FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL AT BAN KLET, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY SIX MILES NORTH OF BAN SATTAHIP AT 1244N 10051E. THE FLEET TRAINING CENTER, LOCATED NORTH OF THE MAIN NAVAL BASE PIER, IS FOR BOTH OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN WITH COURSES IN ASW, DAMAGE CONTROL, AND MINE WARFARE. A MARINE CORPS EDUCATION CENTER FOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS IS LOCATED AT THE MARINE BASE WEST OF BAN SATTAHIP, AND A SMALL UNDERWATER DEMOLITION SCHOOL IS LOCATED ON KO PHRA YAI (ISLAND) SOUTH OF BAN SATTAHIP.

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INSTALLATIONS:

- A. THE SEAPLANE STATION, LOCATED 2.8 NM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF BAN SATTAHIP, HAS ONE LARGE HANGAR, TWO LARGE STORAGE BUILDINGS, AND ONE SEAPLANE RAMP.
- B. BAN SATTAHIP AIRFIELD [REDACTED] LOCATED 2.7 NM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF BAN SATTAHIP, HAS A 4000 X 130 FT., NE/SW, ASPHALT RUNWAY WITH A PARALLEL PARKING APRON WITH TWO CONNECTING LINKS, THREE LARGE HANGARS, ONE OPERATIONS, ONE ADMINISTRATION, AND SEVERAL SUPPORT BUILDINGS.
- C. THE FLEET COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AREA [REDACTED], LOCATED 1.2 NM SOUTHEAST OF BAN SATTAHIP, HAS THREE LARGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, SEVEN SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND TWO FINGER PIERS.
- D. THE NAVAL HOSPITAL, LOCATED JUST WEST OF BAN SATTAHIP, CONSISTS OF FOUR LARGE DORMITORY BUILDINGS, ONE ADMINISTRATION, AND TWELVE SUPPORT BUILDINGS.
- E. FACILITIES AT THE NAVAL BASE [REDACTED], LOCATED 1.2 NM WEST-SOUTHWEST OF BAN SATTAHIP, INCLUDES AN "L" SHAPED PIER WITH A BERTHING LENGTH OF 600 FT. ON THE SOUTH SIDE AND 520 FT. ON THE NORTH SIDE. DEPTH OF WATER ALONG THE PIER IS LISTED AT 26 FEET. OTHER FACILITIES CONSIST OF AT LEAST FIFTY ADMINISTRATION/SUPPORT BUILDINGS, A RADAR INSTALLATION,

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RADIO STATION, SEVERAL VEHICLE SHOPS, AMMUNITION STORAGE BUILDINGS, SMALL ARMS FIRING RANGE, A POWER PLANT, STATION BRIG, AND SEVERAL HUNDRED SINGLE-FAMILY DEPENDENT HOUSING UNITS.

- F. THE MARINE CORPS BASE, LOCATED 1.7 NM WEST OF BAN SATTAHIP, HAS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE BARRACKS, FOUR ADMINISTRATION AND FORTY-FIVE SUPPORT BUILDINGS, FIVE MAINTENANCE SHOPS, A POWER PLANT, THREE PARADE GROUNDS, AN ATHLETIC FIELD, AND NUMEROUS DEPENDENT FAMILY UNITS.
- G. AN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING BASE, LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE MARINE CORPS BASE, CONTAINS ONE LARGE VEHICLE SHED AND TWO SUPPORT BUILDINGS.
- H. BAN SATTAHIP AMMUNITION DEPOT [REDACTED], LOCATED 2 NM SOUTHWEST OF BAN SATTAHIP ON KO TAO MO (ISLAND), CONSISTS OF ONE ADMINISTRATION AND FIVE SUPPORT BUILDINGS, ONE BARRACKS, AND FIVE UNREVIEWED AMMUNITION STORAGE BUILDINGS.
- I. BAN SATTAHIP PETROLEUM STORAGE IS LOCATED ON KO PHRA YAI (ISLAND). THE STORAGE FACILITIES CONSIST OF SEVEN LARGE TANKS AND A "T" HEAD FUELING PIER. OTHER FACILITIES ON THE ISLAND INCLUDE TWO BARRACKS, FOUR STORAGE, AND SIX SUPPORT BUILDINGS.
- J. PORT FACILITIES AT THE TOWN OF BAN SATTAHIP CONSIST OF NUMEROUS SMALL FINGER PIERS CAPABLE OF HANDLING NOTHING LARGER THAN SMALL FISHING CRAFT.

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